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SCENE ON WADDELL CREEK

CALIFORNIA REDWOOD PARK is the only forest owned by the State of California. Its name, California Redwood Park, was not happily chosen and is apt to be misleading, for the tract is in no sense a "Park," as the term is generally understood, nor is it a "Grove," but in every sense a forest, being composed not only of a high story of large redwood trees (Sequoia sempervirens), Douglas fir, and pine, and a lower story of madrone, tanbark oak, and other species, but also a dense growth of shrubs, flowers, ferns, and mosses.

David Starr Jordan, President of Stanford University, has said:

> "California Redwood Park is a leaf from the greatest of virgin forests, a sample of the redwoods as they have been for ten thousand years, and one which may be preserved for all times. Besides this, it is a botanical garden where the wax myrtle, the California nutmeg-tree, the California whortleberry, the clintonia, the oxalis, and all the other plants which follow the redwoods may be likewise saved for our descendants."

THE FOOTBRIDGE

United States Senator Perkins has said:

> "I have traveled through the forests of Mariposa, and I have driven through the wonderful forests of southern Germany, yet I have never seen the equal of California Redwood Park."

California Redwood Park is situated in the western part of Santa Cruz County, in what is locally known as "The Big Basin," which is a circular depression in the Coast Range Mountains. The Park covers nearly 3,800 acres, occupying the lowest part of the basin and extending in all directions well up toward the rim rock surrounding it.

Several mountain streams flow through the Park, tumbling in cascades over high rocky ledges or running tunefully over the sand and pebbles in more level places, flashing in the sunlight filtering through a break in the evergreen canopy overhead, or retreating through the overarching ferns.

On one of the prettiest streams is located Governor's Camp, the summer home of the Warden and the camping place of visitors to the Park. The camp consists of several substantial buildings of sawn redwood surrounding a large cottage of unhewn redwood logs which is used as a living and dining room for visitors. The surrounding buildings are used for sleeping quarters, and when these are full, or, if preferred, tents and cots are provided.

THE CLOISTERED AISLE

California Redwood Park is administered by the State Board of Forestry. It is under the direct supervision of a Warden, whose entire time is devoted to duties in the Park. First among these is attending to the wants and comfort of visitors.

The Park is most easily reached from the town of Boulder Creek, which is connected by rail with the Coast Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Pajaro. In summer a daily stage runs from Boulder Creek to Governor's Camp, a distance of twelve miles over an excellent mountain road. Private conveyances for the trip can be obtained at either Boulder Creek or Santa Cruz.

The Park is equipped with a telephone, which may be used by visitors, and with a postoffice, where mail is received daily.

More detailed information will be furnished cheerfully on application to the Warden, California Redwood Park, Boulder Creek, California, or to the State Forester, Sacramento.

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